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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE COVERING EC APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL
FISHING PERMITS GIVEN TO DCM ON DEC 23 BY GALLAGHER (SEE SEPTTEL FOR
COMMENTS).

2. BEGIN QUOTE

NOTE VERBALE

THE DIRECTORATE GENRAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT HERewith A
LIST, TOGETHER WITH THE RELEVANT DETAILS, OF COMMUNITY VESSELS
WISHING TO ENGAGE IN FISHING IN THE FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE
WITHIN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL ASSUME FISHERY MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY WITH EFFECT FROM 1 MARCH 1977.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN
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COMMUNITY HAVE NOT YET CONCLUDED A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL
FISHERY AGREEMENT, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE REQUESTED
TO TREAT THE APPLICATIONS NOW FORWARDED AS REQUESTS FOR REGISTRATION
PERMITS AS ENVISAGED IN SECTION 204(C) OF THE FISHERY CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976. IN CERTAIN CASES THE PERMIT APPLICATION
FORM WHICH HAS BEEN USED IS THAT INTENDED FOR USE UNDER A GOVERNING

INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT. SINCE THIS MERELY RESULTS IN THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IT IS HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN TREATING THESE APPLICATIONS AS APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION PERMITS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST MADE IN THE COMMUNICATION SENT BY THE UNITED STATES ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF), THE NECESSARY STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY VESSELS RECEIVING PERMITS DISPLAY THESE, AS EVIDENCE OF THE FACT THAT SUCH VESSELS WILL CONDUCT THEIR FISHING AND FISHING SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PERMIT.

THE APPLICATIONS FORWARDED INCLUDE ONE FROM A MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER OF ICNAF. THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION THE FISHING ACTIVITY OF THE STATE IN QUESTION IN THE ICNAF AREA, INCLUDING FUTURE UNITED STATES WATERS.

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS REQUESTS THAT FURTHER EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON A COMMUNITY BASIS, THAT IS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
END QUOTE. HINTON
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